States.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Discontinuation of JRO at Burj (Punjab)

3944. MISS FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstared Question 1080 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 2001 and state :

(a) on which date JROs scheme was discontinued;

(b) the details of the formalities remaining to be completed on the said date for developing JRO at Burj (Abohar) in Ferozpur District, Punjab;

(c) the details of the said formalities which were to be completed by the landlord and the BPCL, separately; and

(d) the reasons for non-completion of the formalities by BPCL, if any, in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROUEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) The Scheme for setting up of Jubilee Retail Outlets was discontinued by the Government w.e.f. 24-11-2000.

(b) The details of the major formalities remaining to be completed for developing the Jubilee Retail Outlet at Burj (Abohar) in Ferozpur Distt., Punjab by the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) are as follow :

(i) Approval from the appropriate nominated committee for purchase of site.

(ii) Financial approval for the purchase of the site.

(iii) Registration of land.

(iv) Approval from Explosives Department.

(v) Building permit from the local authorities.

(vi) Preparation of detailed plans, estimates and obtaining financial approval from appropriate authority for construction work.

(vii) Procurement of equipment.

(viii) Inviting tenders, obtaining approval from the appropriate committee and award of contract for construction work.

(c) All the formalities were to be completed by the BPCL and none by the landlord.

(d) The completion of negotiation for land was the pre-requisite, the absence of which was the main reason for non-completion for the formalities.

Assistance to Scientist for making Fuel Saving Device

3945. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Scientist sulks under Government apathy" which appeared in The Hindu dated the 30th May 2001;

(b) whether the Scientist after ten years hard work had made a fuel saving device after achieving 40 per cent upgraded efficiency but has not been provided any help from Government though the different agencies of six countries have shown keen interest;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) The test conducted by the Indian Institute of Petroleum indicated that there was no improvement in thermal efficiency with the use of the device